

# MHA NEWS



## Dinner Meeting

**Monday, May 18, 2015**

**Dinner at 6:30pm, Program at 7:15pm**

Fellowship Hall,  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
3115 Providence Road  
Charlotte, NC 28211

## Upcoming Dinner Program

### ***Humpy Wheeler and the 1975 Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence***

“Humpy” Wheeler, retired president and general manager of Charlotte Motor Speedway, will be the speaker for the May 18 dinner meeting. A consummate showman and raconteur, Mr. Wheeler is best known for his business acumen promoting auto racing. He published his memoirs in 2010 with the intriguing title *Growing Up NASCAR: Racing’s Most Outrageous Promoter Tells All*.

Mr. Wheeler also lent his talents to promoting the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. As vice chairman of the Mecklenburg Bicentennial Committee in 1975, he arranged to recreate the ride of Captain James Jack to deliver the document to the Continental

Congress in Philadelphia, an achievement he described in his book as “one of my most successful publicity stunts.” A lawsuit alleging animal cruelty to the horse brought the Declaration more extensive national coverage than it had probably received since 1819 when John Adams and Thomas Jefferson exchanged letters about its authenticity.

We look forward to Mr. Wheeler’s reminiscences about his role in the 1975 Meck Dec bicentennial.

*Those not having dinner are welcome to enjoy the program at no charge. To make a reservation for dinner use the form in this Newsletter or contact Robin Brabham at (704) 543-7519 or [archivist201@yahoo.com](mailto:archivist201@yahoo.com).*

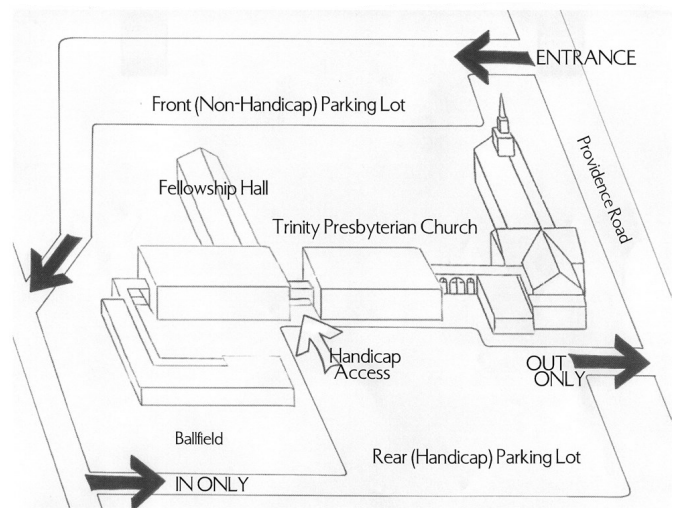


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## Remarks from the President

Thanks to all of you who renewed your MHA membership for 2015. Because of you, we can continue the work of protecting and proclaiming Mecklenburg's rich history.

I am happy to report that the Mecklenburg County Commissioners voted unanimously to correct the road signs misspelling Alexandria in northern Mecklenburg County. Our thanks to Commissioner Jim Puckett (a direct John McKnitt Alexander descendant), the Olde Huntersville Historic Society, and descendant

Miriam Smith for their hard work to make this happen.

Our May dinner meeting should be extremely interesting with our guest speaker, Humpy Wheeler. Please make your reservations now to attend on May 18th at Trinity Presbyterian.

If you have never attended a May 20th Meck Dec celebration at the Square uptown, you should plan to come this year. It is a colorful and moving ceremony. I always enjoy watching the office workers and uptown visitors walking by trying to figure out what on earth is

happening – particularly when the cannon and muskets fire! Join us on Wednesday, May 20th at 11:30 am and come in colonial dress if you can.

I wish for each of you a restful and happy summer. Our first fall dinner meeting will be on Monday, September 21. Mark your calendars now and I will see you then!

Linda Dalton  
MHA President  
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(704) 661-8470



## Congrats to Our Docents!

### The MHA Docents Receive Special Recognition from NCMC

On March 30, at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Museums Council, the MHA Docents were one of two volunteer groups to receive an **award of special recognition** for service given to local museums and sites. This was not the first time our Docents have been so recognized. In 1992 the docents received an award from the American Association for State and Local History, and in 1998 received an NCMC Service Award for outstanding contributions to historic sites. Barbara Taylor, director of the Matthews Heritage Museum, nominated the Docents for the recent award. She, along with docent co-chairs Audrey Mellichamp and Janet Dyer, attended the Council's Awards Luncheon in Durham where they received a plaque of commendation.

-Ann Williams



Pictured left to right: Audrey Mellichamp, Barbara Taylor, Janet Dyer

## May 20th Events

Get out your historic clothing and get ready for "fun on the square." May 20th falls on a Wednesday this year and all events will be on that day. At 11:30 am the event at the square will include muskets and cannon, fife and drum and addresses by politicians and other VIPs. There will be a reading of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence followed by traditional toasts with Huzzahs! and musket and cannon fire. Then we will parade to Settlers' Cemetery with a wreath of native plants and herbs to place on the grave of Col. Thomas Polk. Interpreters should arrive at the square at 11:00 am, or earlier if possible, mingle with the crowd and hand out Meck Dec copies while the soldiers play music and march. Parking is available on the streets around the square – 8 quarters for 2 hours.

The May 20th Society tradition returns with a speaker on the evening before Mecklenburg Declaration Day. **Neil Howe will speak on Tuesday, May 19, at the Morehead Inn, 1122 E. Morehead Street. Lecture begins at 6:30 pm, followed by a 7:30 pm Reception.** 18th and 19th clothing, military or civilian, will be appropriate. Neil Howe is a historian, economist, and demographer who writes and speaks frequently on generations, the economy, and social change. He is the author of nine books on American generations including *Generations*, *The Fourth Turning*, *Millennials Rising*, and *Millennials in the Workplace*. The event is free but you must reserve your seat at [rsvp2015@may20thsociety.org](mailto:rsvp2015@may20thsociety.org).

## Site News

### The Museum of Western York County in the village of Sharon, SC is open Sundays from 3 to 5 pm from April through November.

Here visitors can gain insights into local history and the culture and heritage of Western York County through a wide variety of memorabilia ranging from rough plows to delicate glassware.

### Summerfest, a Street Festival in York, SC, Showcases the Town's History and Charm, Saturday, August 22 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Hosted by the Greater York Chamber of Commerce, the 32nd annual Summerfest will attract 40,000 to 50,000 visitors with a craft and food fair, classic car show, children's activities, musical entertainment, health fair, tennis, golf, 5k and fun runs, antique shows and art exhibits.

### Re-Dedication of the Confederate Navy Yard Plaque, Sunday, May 3 from 2 to 4 pm, Elmwood Cemetery, Charlotte.

This iron plaque was originally installed on a building on west Trade Street. It was rescued from the wreckers by Tom Hanchett of the Levine Museum of the New South and kept in storage for many years. Now it will be displayed in the Confederate Section of Elmwood Cemetery, 700 West 6th Street, Charlotte. The UDC will have a re-dedication of this plaque in conjunction with the Confederate Memorial Day Service at the cemetery.

## A Brief History of the MHA Docents and Their Work

In 1976 the Charlotte Museum of History opened to the public and a core group of docents was trained to conduct tours. In 1990 a management change at the museum led the docents to become a part of the Mecklenburg Historical Association. They began taking programs into the schools. These volunteers have continued to faithfully serve the Charlotte community providing historical information in a variety of ways. In 1993 Historic Rosedale opened as an historic site. A committee of docents spent a year researching and writing a training manual and training do-cents. This experience led to docent training classes to cover all of Mecklenburg's history, soliciting new docents. The newly trained do-cents would then select a site at which to volunteer. Those training classes continued for approximately 10 years.

In 1994, the docents started the Charlotte Regional History Consortium in order for sites to

better communicate with each other and share resources. That group just celebrated its 20th year.

In 1997 a small group of docents got together to learn open hearth cooking. They became the Historical Cook-ing Guild of the Catawba Valley and a committee of the MHA Docents in 2003.

To encourage the public and school children to visit multiple local sites, the Passport to His-tory booklet was developed in 1997. The docents developed a training manual for Charlotte Mecklenburg teachers at the request of the schools.

Another unique under-taking is a newsletter. Currently "The Dandelion" goes out free to 1,000 email sub-scribers five times a year. The docents offer a biennial series of scholarly history lectures to the public, as well as informative monthly programs.

This self-directed organization of MHA volunteers has been a treasure for Mecklenburg County for 25 years. There is no other organization in the country that has done so much to educate the local community on history. Congratulations on their recent recognition!

-Barbara Taylor

**The North Branch MHA will meet on Tuesday, May 12th, at 7:00 pm** at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Cornelius.

The program will be Remembrances of Confederate Soldier Events and will be presented by a panel of experts, some of whom are members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. This will be North Branch MHA's last meeting before summer and they will resume monthly events in September.

For more information, please contact Sarah Sue Hardinger, [sarahsuenc@gmail.com](mailto:sarahsuenc@gmail.com), (704) 906-6656.

## Membership Renewals

It's time to renew your MHA membership for 2015. Please save us the cost of mailing by renewing now. Fill in the form, make your check payable to Mecklenburg Historical Association, and mail to:

**MHA, P.O. Box 35032, Charlotte, NC 28235**

If your employer has a matching grant program or if you retired from such an organization, include the matching grant form with your check.

*Thank you for your interest in history!*

Membership Category	Single	Couple
Senior Citizen (over 60)	\$15.00	\$25.00
General	30.00	50.00
Patron	60.00	100.00
Life (single payment)	300.00	500.00
Student	Free	n/a

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Email Address	

**Membership type: (Please check one)**

- General Membership
- MHA Docent Membership
- North Branch MHA Membership

**Please send my MHA Newsletter via:**

- Email
- US Postal Mail
- Both

*If you have access to email, we would prefer to send the newsletter to you that way. This saves considerable time and expense for MHA.*

## May 18, 2015 Dinner Meeting Reservation Form

Mail to: Mecklenburg Historical Association  
 c/o Robin Brabham, 7412 Red Oak Lane, Charlotte, NC 28226  
 or email: [archivist201@yahoo.com](mailto:archivist201@yahoo.com)

Please make checks payable to Mecklenburg Historical Association.  
 Questions? Please email Robin Brabham ([archivist201@yahoo.com](mailto:archivist201@yahoo.com)) or call him at (704) 543-7519.  
 Please mail your check one week before the dinner so we know how many meals we need.

Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total) for \_\_\_\_\_ seats (\$12 for Seniors)  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (total) for \_\_\_\_\_ seats (\$14 for all others)

Name Tags: \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

## MHA Docent Programs

The May 5th meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church. Refreshments at 9:30, business meeting at 10, and program at 11. Visitors are always welcome.

### Tuesday, May 5, 2015

#### Stories from the Trail of History

Central Piedmont Community College has had a 24/7 cable channel since 1994. With the recent addition of WTVI PBS Charlotte, the college will be offering a new degree program in broadcasting and video production. The first program in the Trail of History series that we can now enjoy on WTVI was created by CPCC Television at the Hezekiah Alexander home site in 2007. The Trail of History shows came out of a partnership of the college's Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and CPCC Television. There are now more than forty shows, many of which are available online.

Over the years, it has taken John Branscum from CPCC Television and History instructor Gary Ritter hundreds of hours to produce these shows. Gary has been the narrator and monitor of historical accuracy. John has been behind the camera filming, editing and producing these twenty-six minute shows. They will begin by showing us one of the most recent shows, the story of King Haglar and Thomas Spratt. Following the show, they will talk with us about the criteria they use to choose the topics and the logistics involved in making a documentary show.

#### South Carolina Road Trip

##### Save the Date – October 13

The MHA Docents are planning a bus trip on Tuesday, October 13, to two wonderful upstate South Carolina Sites: Pearl Fryar's Topiary Garden, and Historic

Camden. The next newsletter will be published shortly before our final bus payment is due, so here is a preview. Make plans and mark your calendar now!

When **Pearl Fryar** moved into his suburban Bishopville ranch house, it was surrounded by three acres of barren cornfields. He wanted to tidy up his land and vie for "yard of the month" recognition, so he asked a local nursery if he could have some sad little discarded shrubs. More than two decades later his yard has become an amazing museum of fanciful topiary art studded with yard-art sculptures.



We'll hear Pearl talk about creating his fantasy gardens, and the scholarships he provides to economically deprived students with potential.

**Historic Camden** is 107 acres on the original town site commemorating the Battle of Camden during the Revolutionary War. On August 16, 1780, British General Lord Cornwallis fought to secure the village of Camden and handily won. He appropriated Joseph Kershaw's fine home and used it as a supply post for the next eleven months. The home has been beautifully restored and is the centerpiece

of the site. The site also has several other restored 18th and 19th century houses and log cabins, a blacksmith shop, and many other exhibits. Of course there is a gift shop.



The tentative schedule is as follows: We will leave the Sugaw Creek Church parking lot at 8 am, see one of the above sites in the morning, and the other in the afternoon. We'll have lunch in Camden, and if time allows visit some antique shops, or perhaps another small museum. We should be back in Charlotte about 6 pm. The cost of the trip, which includes the bus, admissions, and a donation to Pearl's scholarship fund, but not lunch, will be approximately \$42.50. We will need thirty people to make the numbers work; the bus will hold fifty. Guests are both welcome and encouraged! We'll begin taking reservations the 1st of September. Your next newsletter will have the final details. Contact Audrey Mellichamp, (704) 536-2704, [Imellichamp@carolina.rr.com](mailto:Imellichamp@carolina.rr.com), for more information or to make reservations.



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## In Memoriam

### Karen McConnell

On March 19th MHA Docent Karen McConnell passed away, and the MHA Docents lost one of their best and brightest. Karen was part of the group of volunteers that became the MHA Docents, and one of the handful who did the work that defined us and caused us to thrive. History and research were her passions. In those pre-computer days, she learned where records were kept and how to access them. Then she shared her information and her methods. In the early 1990s, in preparation for Historic Rosedale's opening, Karen was instrumental in gathering the research. She distributed it among a group of MHA Docents and led them in writing the docent training manual. She did all of this as a volunteer. Several years later she joined the Rosedale staff as education coordinator where she continued to research and develop innovative programs. Two massive projects, the transcription and publication of Sarah Frew Davidson's journal and Dr. Caldwell's account book, were done under her leadership. By this time she had become personally acquainted with nearly everyone one who lived in 19th century Mecklenburg.

Later in the 1990s Karen and her husband Stan acquired a house in Salisbury that had been in Karen's family for several generations. The historically perfect restoration that ensued was a time consuming project. That and the long commute to Charlotte each day eventually led her to resign her position at Rosedale. She remained an active docent for a time, but family and other responsibilities began to keep her in Salisbury. Karen will be sorely missed for all of her superlative talents and contributions to all of us.

### Lucy Dorn Almand Harrison (1917-2015)

Lucy Harrison, longtime MHA member, passed away Tuesday, April 7, 2015. She was born in Atlanta, GA in 1917, Mrs. Harrison was raised in Buffalo, NY, and was a graduate of the University of Michigan. She had been a resident of Charlotte since 1950, and was a member of Myers Park Baptist Church. Mrs. Harrison was married for 27 years to the late Leonard K. Harrison. She is survived by daughters, Dorothy T. Roller of Bel Air, MD, Gail Thomson of Arlington, VA and stepson, Kenneth W. Harrison of Shelby, NC. Mrs. Harrison had been a member of the Charlotte Writers Club, American Association of University Women, and the Women's Auxiliary of the

Hezekiah Alexander House. Lucy was active in MHA and decorated the dinner tables for many years with something always tied to the dinner program. She was a very sweet person, quiet and self-effacing, but did whatever she chose to do very well.

### William S. Powell (1919-2015)

William S. Powell, Professor Emeritus of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, passed away on April 10, 2015, at the age of 95. With a degree in History from The University, he was a professor and curator for the North Carolina Collection, editor of History News, and a researcher for Archives and History.



Powell's focus was on the history of North Carolina and his works are necessary for a thorough understanding of the Old North State. The North Carolina Gazetteer and his many contributions to the Encyclopedia of North Carolina and the Dictionary of North Carolina Biography are invaluable to historians and genealogists alike. Professor Powell's history of Albemarle County contributed to our understanding of the Lost Colony and he helped authenticate the Carolina Charter of 1663 now in the possession of the State Archives.

## The History Calendar

Admission charged at all events unless otherwise noted. Check the Charlotte Regional History Consortium website for other events.  
www.charlotteregionalhistory.org

### Historic Rosedale

3427 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 704-335-0325  
www.historicrosedale.org

### Carolina Artisans 1780-1850, Lunch and Learn, Wednesday May 27 at 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

Bring your lunch and enjoy an informative lecture by Wade Fairey, former director of Historic Brattonsville and current developer of Roots and Recall. Mr. Fairey has extensively studied Carolina craftsmen from Hickory to Camden in the period that includes Rosedale's construction 1815.

**Felicity's Tea Party, Saturday, June 6 at 11 am.** Join Felicity from the American Girl series in Rosedale Plantation's unique English basement kitchen for a tea party. Bring your favorite grown up lady and a treasured doll as Felicity teaches us the etiquette of tea and what it meant for a lady to get dressed properly long ago. Refreshments and tea will be served and participants will create their own personal calling card.

**Diggin' With Dad, Sunday June 21 at 9 am or 11 am (choose your session).** This Father's Day join us for an event that dads of all ages will love. Learn about archaeology and dig for artifacts on the grounds of our 200 year old plantation. You will have an experience you'll never forget as you uncover hidden relics near

the old smithy. Our resident anthropologist will be on hand to help you with both your dig and figure out exactly what you find.

### Paranormal Investigation, Sunday June 21 from 9 to 10:30 pm.

Join professional ghost hunters as they take no more than 20 guests through the grounds of Rosedale's 200 year old plantation and attempt contact with the beyond. You will use the latest technology in partnership with the Charlotte Area Paranormal Society. Their team will lead the investigation. Please wear flat, quiet comfortable shoes and bring a small twist top flashlight. You never know what you may find... or what may find you!

### Latta Plantation

5225 Sample Road, Huntersville, NC, 704-875-2312

www.lattaplantation.org  
Latta is happy to welcome a new member of the Latta Farm Family. Selah Grace, a Cotswold Lamb, was born in early March. She is proving to be one of the most popular attractions.

**World War Two Re-enactment, Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3 from 10 am to 4 pm.** Experience war torn Europe during the 1940's as half-tracks, trucks, tanks, and soldiers take over the Latta grounds in battle. Ongoing exhibits, open house tours, farm animal displays, live music, and food vendors will be available for spectators to enjoy. Donate items to the USO to receive admission discounts ( see website for details.) Food Items: - Soda (Cans Only)

**Buffalo Soldiers Living History, Saturday, May 30 from 10 am to 2 pm.** Learn of the Civil War experience for African American soldiers at our first ever Buffalo Soldiers Living History. See exhibits, enjoy an open house tour, and visit the farm animals.

**Civil War Re-enactment, Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7 from 10 am to 4 pm.** Travel back in time to life during the Victorian era. See soldier and civilian exhibits, interact with re-enactors, see firsthand demonstrations of weaponry and open-hearth-cooking. A battle will occur each day surrounding the Latta house and grounds. Spectators will enjoy food vendors and entertainment throughout the weekend.

**Latta Summer Camps**  
A dozen summer camps are offered throughout the summer months focusing on activities including farming, history, and science. These camps are available for children ages 4-17.

- Mini-Farm Camp Ages 4 &5. August 11th-13th  
- Junior Farm Camp Ages 6-8. June 22-26 & July 27-30  
- Miss. Janes Academy Ages 8-12. July 20-23 & August 3-6  
- Civil War Soldiers Life Ages 8-12. July 20-23 & August 3-6  
- Revolutionary War Soldiers Life Ages 8 -12. June 15-18  
- Historic Encounters Ages 9-12. July 7-10  
- Historic Ambassadors Ages 12-17. July 13-16  
- Advanced Farm Camp Ages 13-17. June 22-26

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## The Charlotte Museum of History

3500 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC, 704-568-1774  
www.charlottemuseum.org

**Myers Park Neighborhood Walking Tour, Friday, May 1 at 6 pm, Free.** In honor of Jane Jacobs, join us as we explore one of Charlotte's iconic neighborhoods – Myers Park. Charlie Succop, Charlotte Museum of History Education Coordinator, will lead a walking tour of the Myers Park neighborhood. Meet at Napa on Providence, 110 Perrin Place at 6 pm. Registration required.

**A Colonial Gem, Fundraising Special Event, Thursday, May 7 at 6 pm.** The Charlotte Museum of History invites you to join us for a special evening at one of Charlotte's most important cultural treasures – the 1774 Hezekiah Alexander Home Site. We will gather at the Hezekiah Alexander Home Site for a magical evening featuring food and drinks by Heist Brewery with colonial beers, wine, hors d'oeuvres, and music as we celebrate the successful renaissance of The Charlotte Museum of History. Tickets are

\$100, reservations are required.  
**Piedmont Backcountry Colonial Kids Camps, June 23-26, July 14-17, and August 11-14.** These summer camps explore colonial life in the Piedmont backcountry and teach how early settlers dressed, played, and lived in the colonial period. Learn to churn butter, decorate a floor cloth, make a colonial wig, play games like its 1775 and participate in an archaeological "dig" to discover long-buried treasures. Camp fee \$125.00, bring a bag lunch each day.

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## Hugh Torance House and Store

8231 Gilead Road,  
Huntersville, NC  
hughtorancehouseandstore.com

The Hugh Torance House and Store, the oldest standing store in North Carolina, is open to the public for tours the first and third Sundays of each month, 2:00pm to 5:00pm May through October.

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## President James K. Polk State Historic Site

12031 Lancaster Hwy., Pineville, NC, 704-889-7145  
polk.nchistoricsites.org

**America 1844, Polk Site Fund Raiser, Thursday, May 14 at 7 pm, at the Polk Site.**

The Polk site welcomes renowned author John Bicknell as he discusses his new book America 1844: Religious Fervor, Westward Expansion and the Presidential Election that Transformed the Nation. This book explores how the presidential election of 1844 was one of the two or three most momentous elections in American history. Had Henry Clay won instead of James K. Polk, we'd be living in a very different country today. Polk's victory ce-

mented the westward expansion that brought Texas, California and Oregon into the union and fulfilled his vision of a continental nation. The evening begins with a reception with light hors d'oeuvres at 7 p.m. and the author discussion begins at 7:30 p.m., followed by a book signing. Admission \$25.00. Seating is limited. Books available at a \$5.00 discount.

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### Charlotte Folk Society

Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte  
www.folksociety.org

#### Charlotte Folk Society Gathering Concert & Jams, Friday, May 8, North Carolina singer/songwriter Rob McHale.

7:30 pm; doors open 7 pm. Free; donations appreciated.

#### Charlotte Folk Society Gathering Concert & Jams, Friday, June 12, Young, high-energy bluegrass band The Barefoot Movement.

7:30 pm; doors open 7 pm. Free; donations appreciated.

#### Charlotte Folk Society Gathering Concert & Jams, Friday, August 14, All Male Gospel; Choir, Men Standing for Christ.

7:30 pm; doors open 7 pm. Free; donations appreciated.

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### Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

310 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, 704-416-0150  
www.cmlibrary.org

#### Let Me Be Your Salty Dog – Charlotte's Stringband Heyday,

#### Saturday, May 9 at 1 to 4 pm.

Dr. Thomas Hanchett of the Levine Museum of the New South and The Kollard Greens will present a Lecture and demonstration. Afterwards, Stay and Jam with the Charlotte Folk Society (bring your instruments.) Charlotte Friends Meeting House, 570 Rocky River Road West.

#### Remembering Harry Golden, Sunday May 31 at 7 to 9 pm.

Author Kimberly Marlowe Hartnett will discuss her new book, Carolina Israelite: How Harry Golden Made Us Care about Jews, the South and Civil Rights. At Lerner Hall, Jewish Community Center. 5007 Providence Road.

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### Duke Mansion

400 Hermitage Road, Charlotte, 704-714-4448  
www.dukemansion.com

#### The Duke Mansion's 100th Birthday Open House Weekend, August 28 and 30.

Mark your calendar for this celebration of The Duke Mansion's first 100 years. More details to come.

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### Schiele Museum

1500 E. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 704-866-6900  
www.schielemuseum.org

#### Horace Kephart Days, Friday, May 15 from Noon to 5 pm and Saturday, May 16 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Enjoy a bit of time travel at the backcountry farm as you step into a demonstration campsite featuring a variety of canvas tents, open fire cookery and interpreters dressed in the fashion of the woodsloafers of the Golden Age of Camping (1880's – 1920's).

#### Sit Down Content, Sunday, June 28 from 1 to 5 pm.

Sit down content on a pleasant summer's day with colonial craftspeople and farm folk enjoying simple pastimes— needlework, whittling, simple amusements and some lively fiddle tunes.

#### Celebrate the Tryon Resolves on its 240th Anniversary, Sunday, August 23 from 1 to 5 pm.

*Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Celebrate an afternoon of fun-filled history honoring our ancestors as we commemorate the 240th anniversary of the signing of the Tryon Resolves.* August 14, 1775: A local Declaration of Independence, predating the United States Declaration of Independence by almost 11 months, was adopted by citizens of Tryon County (now Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland and Rutherford Counties). The names of the 51 signers read like a Who's Who of Gaston County. Visit the Schiele as reenactors muster for a militia muster. See black powder firing demonstrations. Witness the confusion of the Backcountry folk in 1775 - to sign was an act of treason. An official reading of the Tryon Resolves will be held at 4:00pm featuring 51 names of local pioneers, our ancestors, who bravely signed for freedom. Huzzah!

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### Historic Brattonsville

1444 Brattonsville Rd., McConnells, SC, 803-684-2327  
www.chmuseums.org/brattonsville

#### Remembrance Day, Monday, May 25 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Come join the interpreters at Historic Brattonsville for an 1870's Remembrance Day celebration. We will address the history of Memorial Day as well as look at artifacts from the post-American Civil War veteran's organizations.

**Independence Day Celebration, Saturday, July 4 from 10 am to 4 pm.** Travel back in time to an 1840's Fourth of July celebration. See the militia muster on the back lawn, hear the Declaration of Independence read by costumed interpreters, and enjoy all the sights and sounds of 19th century patriotic revelry.

**The Battle of Huck's Defeat, Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12 from 10 am to 4 pm.** Take a closer look this year at the man for whom the battle is named. Learn more about the life and times of Captain Christian Huck through this two day interpretive reenactment. Visit the military camps and see a battle each day.

**Ag + Art Tour, a free self-guided tour, Saturday, June 27 from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday June 28 from 1 to 5 pm, Free.** This is a free self-guided tour of South Carolina's Catawba Region's Farms and Artisans. Historic Brattonsville will be promoting the agricultural activities of the site and hosting local artists. Come and see our flock of Gulf Coast sheep, Dominique chickens, and Ossabaw Island hogs. Learn why these animals were important to our ancestors. See field crops and gardens that were vital to the survival and success of the antebellum plantation. On Saturday, on-going hands-on demonstrations such as 18th century gardening, blacksmithing, weaving, hearth cooking and more will be done by our costumed interpreters.

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### **Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site**

9621 Reed Mine Road  
Midland, NC 28163  
(704)-721-GOLD (4653)  
[www.nchistoricsites.org/reed](http://www.nchistoricsites.org/reed)

**Pan-Olympics, Saturday, June 13 from 9 am to 4 pm.** This is the Annual North Carolina Open Gold Panning Competition where experienced gold panners compete with novices looking for adventure as each attempts to win prizes in this speed panning event. The competition is held alongside the historic Little Meadow Creek, location of the first documented discovery of gold in the United States. For details see the web site.

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### **Andrew Jackson State Park**

196 Andrew Jackson Park Road  
Lancaster, SC 803-285-3344  
[www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx](http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx)

**A Memorial Service to the Victims of Tarleton's Massacre, Saturday, May 23 at 10:30 am, Free.** This 230th anniversary observance will be held on the ground where Tarleton's British Legion slaughtered Buford's Virginia Continentals without mercy and introduced a new term to warfare – Tarleton's Quarter. It will be held at the battleground southwest of the intersection of SC Highway 9 and SC Highway 522 in Buford, SC. Presented by Andrew Jackson State Park.

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### **FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS, please visit these sites:**

- **Andrew Jackson State Park**  
[www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx](http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx)
- **Charlotte Folk Society**  
[www.folksociety.org](http://www.folksociety.org)
- **Charlotte Museum of History**  
[www.charlottemuseum.org](http://www.charlottemuseum.org)
- **Cowpens National Battlefield**  
[www.nps.gov/cowp](http://www.nps.gov/cowp)
- **Duke Mansion**  
[www.dukemansion.com](http://www.dukemansion.com)
- **Fort Dobbs State Historic Site**

- [www.fortdobbs.org](http://www.fortdobbs.org)
- **Fort Mill History Museum**  
[www.fortmillhistorymuseum.org](http://www.fortmillhistorymuseum.org)
- **Gaston County Museum**  
[www.gastoncountymuseum.org](http://www.gastoncountymuseum.org)
- **Gregory Creek Homestead & Iredell Museums**  
[www.iredellmuseums.org](http://www.iredellmuseums.org)
- **Historic Brattonsville**  
[www.chmuseums.org/brattonsville](http://www.chmuseums.org/brattonsville)
- **Historic Camden**  
[www.historic-camden.net](http://www.historic-camden.net)
- **Historic Rosedale**  
[www.historicrosedale.org](http://www.historicrosedale.org)
- **Hugh Torance House and Store**  
[www.hughtorancehouseandstore.com](http://www.hughtorancehouseandstore.com)
- **Kings Mountain Historical Museum**  
[www.kingsmountainmuseum.org](http://www.kingsmountainmuseum.org)
- **Latta Plantation**  
[www.lattaplantation.org](http://www.lattaplantation.org)
- **Levine Museum of the New South**  
[www.museumofthenewsouth.org](http://www.museumofthenewsouth.org)
- **Matthews Heritage Museum**  
[www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org](http://www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org)
- **Matthews Historical Foundation**  
704-846-6693
- **Mint Hill Historical Society**  
[www.minthillhistory.com](http://www.minthillhistory.com)
- **Mount Holly Historical Society**  
[mhhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:mhhistoricalsociety@gmail.com)
- **Museum of the Waxhaws**  
[www.museumofthewaxhaws.org](http://www.museumofthewaxhaws.org)
- **Old Salem**  
[www.oldsalem.org](http://www.oldsalem.org)
- **President James K. Polk State Historic Site**  
[polk.nchistoricsites.org](http://polk.nchistoricsites.org)
- **Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site**  
[www.nchistoricsites.org/reed/reed.htm](http://www.nchistoricsites.org/reed/reed.htm)
- **Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**  
[www.cmlibrary.org](http://www.cmlibrary.org)
- **Rural Hill**  
[www.ruralhill.net](http://www.ruralhill.net)
- **Schiele Museum**  
[www.schielemuseum.org](http://www.schielemuseum.org)
- **Southern Campaign of the American Revolution**  
[www.southerncampaign.org](http://www.southerncampaign.org)
- **Spencer Doll and Toy Museum**  
[www.spencerdollandtoymuseum.com](http://www.spencerdollandtoymuseum.com)
- **Stanly County Museum**  
[www.stanlycountymuseum.com](http://www.stanlycountymuseum.com)
- **Union County Public Library**  
[www.unionlib.nc.us](http://www.unionlib.nc.us)
- **York County Genealogical & Historical Society**  
[www.weblandinc.com/ycghs/member.html](http://www.weblandinc.com/ycghs/member.html)